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SUMMARY

FIRST ROUND RESULTS HAVE GIVEN A SHOT IN THE ARM TO THE
SUPPORTERS OF THE CURRENT MAJORITY IN THE AREA, AND
PROVIDED POSITIVE SIGNS FOR THE SOCIALIST PARTY S ATTEMPT
TO REBUILD.
END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST ROUND RESULTS INDICATE THIS CORNER OF FRANCE
HAS DECIDED TO STAY WITH THE CURRENT MAJORITY. MANY
INCUMBENT MAJORITY DEPUTIES RAN BETTER IN THIS FIRST ROUND
THAN IN 1973.

2. WITH ONE OR TWO EXCEPTIONS, THE MAJOR LOSER APPEARS TO
BE THE COMMUNIST PARTY (PCF), WITH SOCIALIST PARTY (PS)
CANDIDATES DOING BETTER THAN THEY HAVE IN MANY YEARS.
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IN AN AREA IN WHICH THE PS HAS BEEN WEAK THIS MARKS A CHANGE.
THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE IN THE ALPES MARITIMES WHERE THE
PS IS ATTEMPTING TO REGROUP AFTER THE SPLIT WHICH OCCURRED
WITH THE SIGNING OF THE PROGRAM COMMUN IN 1972 AND WHICH
DESTROYED THE PARTY LOCALLY.

3. TWO OF THE CIRCONSCRIPTIONS IN NICE ARE OF INTEREST :

IN THE FIRST CIRCONSCRIPTION THE PCF MAY LOSE ITS TRADITIONAL SEAT IN NICE TO THE PARTI REPUBLICAIN (PR) CANDIDATE. IN THE 2ND CIRCONSCRIPTION THE UNHON DES GAULLISTS DE PROGRES (UGP) CANDIDATE, GENERAL BINOCHÉ, RAN A POOR THIRD AGAINST JACQUES MEDECIN (PR) AND THE PS CANDIDATE. BINOCHÉ HAD THE SUPPORT OF THE PCF WHICH HAD NO CANDIDATE IN THE CIRCONSCRIPTION.

4. IN CORSICA THE LEFT WILL APPARENTLY HAVE A FIGHT TO HOLD ON TO ANY SEATS (MRG HAS TWO INCUMBENTS). ONE DEPUTY (RPR) WAS REELECTED ON THE FIRST ROUND AND IN 2 OF THE REMAINING THREE CIRCONSCRIPTIONS THE RPR IS RUNNING WELL. IN THE THIRD, THE NEW CORTE-CALVI SEAT, CONSIDERED A SHOO-IN FOR THE MRG CANDIDATE, A REAL RACE HAS DEVELOPED BETWEEN THE MRG AND RPR CANDIDATES.

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